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GLB OEA STB analysis step-by-step

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Mr. Navecky,

I am seeking summary information about the STB approval process for the GLB proposal. I've drafted a rough understanding, and discussed it with Stephanie Lyons, STB (who may also contact your office for assist).

Can you/your office advise, is this below summary description of STB approval process about right? I am trying to identify an "order of events," or some roadmap.

1. RR notifies STB of intent to file petition for authority to construct/operate.
 2. STB OEA issues Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS, Draft Scope available, Scoping meetings, request public comments.
 3. Public comments due June 16, 2016.
 4. OEA issues Final Scope of Study.
 5. RR files formal Petition for authority to construct/operate.
- Is this is the right place/order, or where should it fall? Is it correct that OEA will consider the formal petition before issuing draft or final EIS – (and which is it)?
6. STB OEA issues draft EIS, preliminary mitigation, seeks comments.
 7. Public comments on draft EIS due (TBD).
 8. STB OEA issues final EIS (w/mitigation, etc.).
 9. STB Proceedings [issues something?], seeks public comment on Petition for Authority to Construct/Operate.
 10. Public comments on transportation merits.
 11. STB issues decision on RR Petition for Authority.

Thanks for any assist,
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